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MEDIA ADVISORY

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WHO: San Antonio Police Department

WHEN: Wednesday, April 18th

1:30 PM

WHERE: South Substation

411 W. Mayfield

Today, Chief Al Philippus along with children from St. James Catholic School will be at the South Substation as the Chief will personally thank them for all the heartwarming letters written by them.

As the department has gone through many losses these past few months, students at St. James felt heartsick. They decided to show their support to our men and women in blue by writing letters to officers. Over 200 heartwarming letters were written, placed inside a hand made giant heart and delivered to the South Substation. These letters now decorate the wall of the roll call room. One poem in particular that 5th grader Anna Lisa Hernandez wrote is especially heartwarming.

These children's thoughts and well wishes come from the heart and Chief Al Philippus is moved by their desire to support our officers.